

D. Nayak, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Charles E. Schumer, Jacky Rosen, Thomas R. Carper, Tina Smith, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Richard Blumenthal, Tammy Duckworth, Gary C. Peters, Elizabeth Warren, Richard J. Durbin, Jeanne Shaheen, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Ben Ray Lujan, Brian Schatz.

Mr. SCHUMER. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, October 28, be waived, and that the cloture motions ripen on Tuesday, November 2.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations, en bloc: Calendar Nos. 369, 412, and 470; that the Senate vote on the nominations, en bloc, without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Matthew M. Graves, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years; Rahul Gupta, of West Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy; and Guy T. Kiyokawa, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Enterprise Integration).

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 467, 478, and 479, and all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Space Force be confirmed, en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed were as follows:

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment to serve as the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve in the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 309(b):

To be rear admiral (upper half)

Rear Adm. James M. Kelly

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Chaplains, United States Air Force, and appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 9039:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Randall E. Kitchens

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. William S. Lynn

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1188 AIR FORCE nomination of Gloria A. Eze, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2021.

PN1189 AIR FORCE nomination of Travis J. Burns, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2021.

PN1235 AIR FORCE nomination of Christian M. Bergholdt, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 5, 2021.

PN1263 AIR FORCE nomination of Tracy M. Shamburger, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1264 AIR FORCE nomination of Libertad Melendez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

IN THE ARMY

PN1236 ARMY nominations (4) beginning DERRICK H. DUNLAP, and ending ROSILYN C. WOODARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 5, 2021.

PN1237 ARMY nomination of Michelle S. McCarroll, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 5, 2021.

PN1238 ARMY nomination of Marcus S. Snow, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 5, 2021.

PN1239 ARMY nomination of Augustine A. Dimoh, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 5, 2021.

PN1265 ARMY nomination of Julia O. Coxen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1269 ARMY nomination of Benjamin J. Neterer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1270 ARMY nomination of Joseph G. Nunez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1271 ARMY nomination of Kert L. St. John, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1272 ARMY nomination of Mark J. Ziegler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1273 ARMY nominations (18) beginning SCOTT J. ANDERSON, and ending JASON J. THORNTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1274 ARMY nominations (30) beginning PAUL J.E. AUCHINCLOSS, and ending D015356, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1275 ARMY nominations (127) beginning NADINE M. ALONZO, and ending D015627, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1276 ARMY nominations (72) beginning MARK ACOPAN, and ending TIMOTHY R. YOURK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1277 ARMY nomination of Mahealani N. McFarland, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

PN1293 ARMY nomination of D014273, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 21, 2021.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN1144 COAST GUARD nominations (69) beginning JASON C. ALEKSAS, and ending CHRISTOPHER L. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 14, 2021.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN904 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (224) beginning Ninoshka Abreu Guerra, and ending Stefanie Nicole Yacubovich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 19, 2021.

PN905 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (17) beginning Rosemary Gallant, and ending Eric Wolff, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 19, 2021.

PN1015 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (42) beginning Elizabeth R. Baiocchi, and ending William K. Makaneole, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 9, 2021.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1190 MARINE CORPS nomination of Joseph J. Endreola, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2021.

PN1240 MARINE CORPS nomination of John C. Morgan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 5, 2021.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN1191 SPACE FORCE nomination of Brian P. Moore, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2021.

PN1230 SPACE FORCE nominations (2) beginning CHRISTINA N. GILLETTE, and ending D S. ROGERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2021.

PN1231 SPACE FORCE nominations (21) beginning JAMES W. CROSSLEY, and ending BRENDON P. SMERESKY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2021.

PN1281 SPACE FORCE nomination of Haldane C. Gillette, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 19, 2021.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VA TRANSPARENCY & TRUST ACT OF 2021

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2911 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2911) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2911) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ROBERT S. POYDASHEFF VA CLINIC

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3475, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3475) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3475) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN W. MOSLEY VA CLINIC

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4172, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4172) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Aurora, Colorado, as the "Lieutenant Colonel John W. Mosley VA Clinic".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4172) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

SECURE EQUIPMENT ACT OF 2021

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, finally, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3919, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3919) to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission prohibits authorization of radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered read three times and passed, and the motion to be reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The bill (H.R. 3919) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. SCHUMER. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

TRIBUTE TO JIM SCHMIDT

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, it is Thursday afternoon, and it is one of my favorite times in the Senate because it is the time I have the opportunity to come down on the Senate floor to talk about an Alaskan who is making a difference in their community or the State or maybe the country, you know, sometimes maybe the world. And I think we have one today. This is an individual we call our Alaskan of the Week.

I really enjoy doing this. It is just really a good opportunity to recognize people who often don't get a lot of recognition.

You know, Alaska is known throughout the world for many things: our physical beauty, the size of our State, giant mountains, great fishing, great place to take a vacation. By the way, if you are watching at home, come on up to Alaska. We would love to have you—summer, winter, it doesn't matter.

All of these things, of course, about the State are true, but there are so

many other great things about our State. The No. 1 thing is our people: strong, resilient, kind, tough American citizens—great people.

Nowhere is this spirit of the people of Alaska and their patriotism more apparent than in our veterans across the State.

In Alaska, we have the highest number of veterans per capita of any State in America, veterans and their families everywhere. Everyday heroes, I like to call them.

It is amazing. In every city, village, community—it doesn't matter how big, how small—you will find proud American veterans, many of them working tirelessly together to make sure they help other veterans get the support that they have earned, the care that they have earned, and to support their families.

Today, as our Veterans Day approaches, I want to highlight one of these heroes, one of these Alaska veterans whose service is so inspiring that for those who are watching, I think you are going to have a hard time actually believing it is true. This person, our Alaskan of the Week, is 94-year-old Jim Schmidt—husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, combat veteran, Alaskan, American hero.

Let me tell you about this incredible, remarkable story, for which somebody should buy the movie rights right now.

While you are watching, you better go buy the movie rights of Mr. Schmidt.

Jim was 14 years old in 1942. Of course, the United States had already entered and was fighting in World War II. It wasn't going well in 1942, by the way. He was living with his parents in the San Francisco Bay area. Jim slipped out one day to see a movie. It was called the "Parachute Battalion." That was the name of the movie, starring the beautiful Nancy Kelly. It was then, watching this movie, right then and there, he said: I am going to enlist. I am going to enlist in the Airborne.

Now, he was a big guy, a big young man—actually, he was a young kid—200 pounds, 6 feet tall. A big kid, as I mentioned, but just think, he was 14 years old. He went to the recruiter and said he was 18. He looked it.

The Army didn't ask for IDs back then, so off he went, assigned to the 504th Infantry Regiment of the world-famous 82nd Airborne at the tender age of 14.

His father was also in the Army, stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. And when there was a little confusion about where Jim was, when he didn't come home for days and weeks, his mother assumed he had gone to stay with his dad. His dad assumed he was still with his mother. Wires got crossed, and later his mom got a letter from Corporal Schmidt, CPL Jim Schmidt, who was now 15. He wrote:

From somewhere in North Africa.

Actually, it was near Tunis, which had just fallen to the British and General Patton, the American general, in